

# 1959 Chrysler 300 “E” Hardtop

During the Fifties Chrysler built dreams for the masses! Given the utilitarian boxes on wheels at the beginning of the decade, who would have imagined they would be driving dream cars by the end of the decade? Huge expanses of glass, push-button automatic transmissions, pivoted seats, and “stabilizing tailfins”; all were indications that this truly was the stuff of the “*cars of the future*”.

From fins to top-speed figures, Chrysler Corp. truly achieved new heights during the exciting decade of the fifties! This 1959 Chrysler 300E 2-door sports coupe, was equipped with the new 413 cubic inch wedge engine (first year of the “B” block), but still carried the two AFB four-barrel carburetors as used the previous two years.

Natural tan “*living leather*” interiors with a “Chrysler Lion” embossed on each seatback were standard equipment for both the hardtop and convertible as was the now famous 150 mph speedometer.

Originally sold by the L.D. Coffing Chrysler dealership in Santa Ana Ca., this example carried a MSRP of \$6147.10. In addition, this vehicle has dealer added air conditioning; the additional cost for this option is unknown. A copy of the original retail price label is attached to the side window! As usual, the 1959 300E Chrysler topped out the price lineup for all models.

The total production of the 1959 300E hardtop was 550 examples. Today about thirty-five “E” hardtops are known to still exist.





**Our Polar White 300E is making its first appearance at the Iola Car Show since completion of the restoration. We are happy to exhibit our “newest” member of the little fin car fleet side by side with its convertible counterpart. They do make a nice salt and pepper set, don’t you agree?**

